

IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED OFFICE (DO/US)

In re: Nikolov

Attn: DO/US

International Appl. No.: PCT/US00/26005

International Filing Date: September 21, 2000

For: METHODS FOR PRODUCING RECOMBINANT PROTEINS

March 21, 2002

Box PCT
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

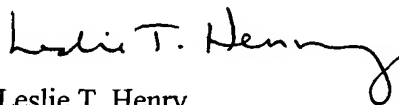
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

The patents listed on the attached PTO-1449 were cited in the International Search Report of corresponding International Application No. PCT/US00/26005. A copy of the Search Report and documents cited therein are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

The Examiner may wish to consider the notations on the Search Report itself regarding the relevance of each item. It is requested that the Examiner consider these references and officially make them of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP. By submitting the listed documents, Applicant in no way makes any admission as to the prior art status of the listed documents, but is instead submitting the listed documents for the sake of full disclosure.

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie T. Henry
Registration No. 45,714

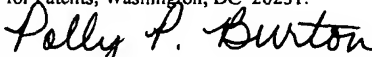
ALSTON & BIRD LLP

Bank of America Plaza
101 South Tryon Street, Suite 4000
Charlotte, NC 28280-4000
Tel Raleigh Office (919) 862-2200
Fax Raleigh Office (919) 862-2260
Customer No. 00826

"Express Mail" Mailing Label Number EL 868639629 US

Date of Deposit: March 21, 2002

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Box PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



Polly P. Burton

10/088813

Complete or Known
10/21 MAR 2002Substitute for form 1449A/PTO
(Revised 10/2001)**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

| | | | | | |
|-------|---|----|---|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sheet | 1 | of | 1 | Application Number | Not assigned |
| | | | | Filing Date | Filed Concurrently Herewith |
| | | | | First Named Inventor | Nikolov |
| | | | | Group Art Unit | Not assigned |
| | | | | Examiner Name | Not assigned |
| | | | | Attorney Docket Number | 41377/245565 |

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. | Document Number Number - Kind Code (if known) | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee of Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages of Relevant Figures Appear |
|--------------------|----------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials | Cite No. | Foreign Patent Document Country Code - Number Kind Code (if known) | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | T |
|-------------------|----------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|---|
| | 1 | WO 94/08027 A1 | 04-14-1994 | Midwest Research Institute | | |
| | 2 | WO 97/04123 A1 | 02-06-1997 | Gel Tech Group Inc. | | |
| | 3 | WO 97/17453 A1 | 05-15-1997 | Howard, John A. | | |
| | 4 | EP 0 321 004 A1 | 06-21-1989 | Dorr-Oliver Incorporated | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

OTHER PRIOR ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials | Cite No. | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. | T |
|-------------------|----------|---|---|
| | 5 | HENEY, G., and G.A. ORR, "The Purification of Avidin and Its Derivatives on 2-aminobiotin-6-aminohexyl-Sepharose 4B," <i>Analytical Biochemistry</i> , 1981, pp. 92-96, Vol. 114, Academic Press, Inc. | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

| | | | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| Examiner Signature | | Date Considered | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|--|

*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.